



New Semester Brings New Additions to Library

By Mark Stanczak
Staff Reporter

As students return for another semester, they may recognize a few new friendly faces and several new conveniences at the Ryan Matura Library. During semester break the library hired several new employees, ordered new computers, and installed student lockers.

On December 16, Ms. Bonnie Figgat and Mr. George Gill joined the full-time staff of the Ryan Matura Library. Figgat, former teacher and Head of Technical Services at the Harvard Graduate School of Design Library, is the first person to hold the library's new Head of Technical Services title.

Mr. Dennis Benamati, Sacred Heart's Librarian, explained that this new position is "responsible for the business side of the library; ordering, receiving, inventory and cataloging."



Photo by Susan Magnano

The library's new employees, George Gill and Bonnie Figgat, take a break from their work to pose for a picture.

This restructuring will streamline and improve services in the long run, according to Benamati. Gill, who served as librarian for several law firms

in Birmingham, Alabama, now coordinates reference services and bibliographic instruction for classes and other on-campus groups. Both new employees

are very enthusiastic about their positions. My first reaction is a positive one," reflected Gill. "The staff has been receptive and accommodating."

In addition to streamlining its organization, the Ryan Matura Library is upgrading services for patrons, as well. New lockers were installed on the lower level at the end of last semester. The lockers, a gift of the University College Council, will be available starting this week for students to store their belongings while on campus.

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Also, Benamati has recently ordered 13 new Dell computers to replace older models now in use on the main floor of the library. The new workstations will be faster, take up less desk space, and include flat panel monitors. Library goers should expect the new computers to be delivered shortly. "I'm hoping by mid-February," anticipates Benamati.

Curtis Week Changes Students' Lives

By Keri Nastri &
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Staff Reporters

CURTIS Week is a unique experience for all who embark on this five-day journey. CURTIS is actually an acronym that stands for Community Understanding and Reflection Through Inner-city Service.

Phyllis Machledt, Director of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs, had nothing but praise for the students involved. "The students were challenged by what they saw and did, and kept open minds...We all grew and learned from CURTIS Week, especially from the discussions we had together. What a wonderful group of students - hardworking, perceptive, open-minded and fun! They really made an effort to get to know the community," said Machledt.

During this week 16 students and two faculty members from Sacred Heart University left the comforts of their home, ending

their vacation a week early, and moved into the Urban Center at St. Charles Parish on the East

tance, these students immersed themselves in the community by volunteering at various sites

week, seeking to understand how the community works and strives to become better. The students

were also exposed to other cultures by visiting a Mosque and learning more about the religion of Islam. They were also able to meet three ex-convicts who shared their stories with the students to educate them about poor correction facilities and policies of the state of Connecticut.

For their enjoyment entertainment, the group attended the musical, "The King and I" at the Downtown Cabaret Theater, a one-

man show called "Lackawanna Blues" and another personal story about how a Haitian woman overcame a life of discrimination.

Dinner consisted of classic Puerto Rican dishes, such as chicken and rice, beans, salad, and plantains. Another night they went to a local Mexican restau-

rant with excellent food and live entertainment for everyone to sing along with and dance to.

During each activity the students were encouraged to speak with the people they encountered at each site, the workers, volunteers, and clients. Each night the students engaged in a reflection where they would share their experiences of the day and debate on sensitive issues, such as race, discrimination, and religion. It was through these conversations that the students learned some of the most valuable lessons of the week.

Senior Naiara Azpiri of Basque Country, Spain, who attended the event stated, "I chose to do the week because I did it last year and it was life changing experience. I feel much more open minded and down to earth after being exposed to people who, for one reason or another, are in a different situation than myself," said Azpiri.

Michael Gardner, a sophomore from Ossining, NY, said,

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Photo contributed by Phyllis Machledt

The students who participated in CURTIS Week 2003 gather together for a group shot.

Side of Bridgeport. The East Side of Bridgeport was once a drug war zone in the late 1980's and early 1990's. It was ransacked with fighting gangs, unemployment and poverty. Now the area is slowly rebuilding itself but is still much in need.

Answering the Bridgeport community's call for assis-

throughout the city. These sites included several soup kitchens; such as the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Prospect House, and the Brooks Street Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, BAYM, Remesa East, and McKinley Elementary School.

The students worked at the different sites throughout the

What to Know About the FAFSA Form

By Eileen Gulian
Staff Reporter

The FAFSA application is an important form for college students and their families to fill out each year. FAFSA offers college financial aid, college scholarships, student loans, federal grants and federal student aid for

of Financial Aid recommends that students fill out the FAFSA online.

For those who have already filled out the application in past years, they may qualify for a renewal form. This makes it less of a hassle if you qualify for the renewal FAFSA form.

Christina Roy (Wallingford, CT) said, "The renewal form doesn't have you

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The 2003-2004 FAFSA is an important form to all college students seeking financial aid.

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After the first of each year the applications are available and they should be filled out as soon as possible to insure the possibility of qualifying for financial aid.

April Parody (East Haddam, CT) stated, "My advice is to make sure your don't procrastinate, because I did and I didn't receive any funds." Many students don't bother filling out the information because they think that they will not qualify for aid, however in many cases they tend to be wrong.

"Even if you qualify for a small loan every little bit can help your family and you out in the long-run," said Meagan Walsh (Stewart Manor, NY).

For more information on the FAFSA form, Fastweb.com offers detailed information that will help students through the step-by-step process.

FAFSA forms can be obtained by downloading it at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by going to the financial aid office on campus in Curtis Hall. The Office

answer as many questions as you had to the first time."

When filling out the application many students make various mistakes that can make the application process longer and more complicated. Fastweb.com has five tips that will make the process for you go much smoother. First of all, never leave ANY fields blank; you should use a zero if the question does not apply to you. Don't forget to report all required sources of untaxed income, such as Social Security or child support. Also, students should use the 1040 Federal tax return for reporting income and taxes paid, not the W-2. Be sure to include yourself in your parents' household size, even if you did not live with them in the previous year. Finally, be sure to sign the application.

After the application is filled out and sent, the next step is to just wait. Within 4-6 weeks you will receive your Student Aid Report, which verifies the results.

Who Will Sing for SHU?

By Marisa Ierardi
Staff Reporter

As the semester begins, many students are wondering who will be performing at the annual spring concert. The spring concert is the largest event sponsored by the Student Events Team and over the past years has included acts such as Three Doors Down, Vertical Horizon, Fuel, The Mighty Mighty Bostones and many others.

The question remains, however, as to who will perform this year. "We are looking at numerous bands at this time and are trying to find out who the student body would like to see" said Jacinda Felix, Graduate Assistant in Student Activities.

This past week a global e-mail was sent out to the students with some suggestions of bands such as Our Lady Peace, Sugar Ray, Puddle of Mudd and others asking the students to respond to Matt Hales, the Spring Concert Chair at LeafAICJAM@aol.com with their input.

Hales said as the concert chair "I'm the person who makes the final decision with the VP of set as to who's going to come and how much our bid will be. I also

choose the heads of six concert committee chairs and meet with these committees each week."

"Our hopes in sending out these e-mails is to receive feedback from the students so we can have a performer that all will enjoy," said Felix. Felix went on to say, "We really want the concert to be a success; we want the students to enjoy it and be able to afford it."

The Student Government Vice President for SET, Melissa Christy agreed with Felix by saying, "Being a junior and having seen two concerts here at SHU I would really like to see us get a performer that will fill the Pitt Center to its capacity."

Hales, a senior from Union, NJ said, "I want to keep the show between \$15 and \$18 for SHU students. Rather than spending \$40 going out drinking, students can have a great time right here for \$20 or less."

So far there have been mixed responses regarding who students feel should perform at Sacred Heart. Shelley Russo a junior from Cheshire and Colleen Murphy a junior from Orangeburg, NY both stated, "I would really like Our Lady Peace to come for our spring concert."

Whereas Dave Cecchi, a sophomore from Milford, MA

said, "The Goo Goo Dolls would be amazing to have here at SHU."

Senior Steve Sgritta from Darien, commented that he would like to see Lifehouse perform, and Margaret Magovern, a freshman from Long Island would really like to see New Found Glory and Good Charlotte.

The student body has numerous opinions as to whom they would like to see perform at the concert thus making the choice a difficult decision. Sgritta commented by saying, "I would like to see performers in the same music category instead of trying to please everyone."

In order to ensure that students will enjoy this spring concert, students are being asked to get involved in the event. Students who are interested in being a part of the spring concert are encouraged to attend the concert committee meetings. The meetings are held on Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. Different committees for the concert such as advertising, hospitality, production, security, and tickets will be formed and will give students the opportunity to be a real part of this year's spring concert.

Watch Your Back! Play "Assassins"

By Katie Fanning
Staff Reporter

In one week, Sacred Heart's campus will become the scene of a competition for survival of the quickest, the smartest, and the sneakiest. Students will be "fighting for their lives" and for cash prizes, in the first campus wide game of "Assassins." The game begins on January 31 and continues until there is one survivor.

Sponsored by Residential Life and organized by the Jefferson Hill Resident Assistant staff, "Assassins" is the first, and largest campus wide Residential Life event of the semester. J-Hill RA Matthew Dow has introduced "Assassins" to Sacred Heart and given students the opportunity to compete for survival.

By giving life to this program, Matt hopes to achieve the Residential Life goal of building campus wide community. He expressed his enthusiasm by

saying, "I am very excited and hopeful at the response we've been getting." Over 100 students from different resident halls have already signed on to participate in this well-received competition.

While the details of the game remain classified to preserve some mystery, Matthew was able to explain the basic rules. On January 30, all players who have signed up will receive an envelope in their SHU mailbox with everything needed to become an "assassin."

The goal of the game is for each player to "assassinate" the target they are assigned to, by tagging the person with a sticker that must remain on him or her for one minute. When a player successfully "assassinates" their target, they are out of the game and must forfeit the name of their assigned target. Players continue their pursuit until only one "assassin" remains.

The final survivor and the "assassin" with the most completed hits will be awarded a

generous cash prize. By requiring students to seek out their targets, which can be friends or strangers, Residential Life hopes that this program will bring about campus unity and perhaps even some new friendships. Matthew says, "Everyone will be forced to interact and meet new people."

Are you interested? In order to be an "assassin," students have to sign up by January 26. To join the ranks, simply e-mail the following information to Matthew: your name (first and last), hall and room number, and mailbox number, to m-dow@sacredheart.edu.

With so many students already involved, "Assassins" may turn out to be the biggest programs of the semester so make sure you are not left out of all the sneaky fun! Get your friends to sign up and take a break from your classes, the more the merrier! And remember players are only safe in their own bedrooms, so after the 31st, nobody is safe!

News Briefs

Don't Miss a Trip Down 8 Mile Road!

This weekend in the Schine Auditorium come see Eminem in "8 Mile." The movie will be showing at 7 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Free with SHU ID!

It's Time for the Big Game!

Come watch Super Bowl XXXVII and enjoy free food this Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Outpost. The event is open to all students. The Pub will be open, and students need 2 forms of ID to drink.

Suicide Awareness Week Begins!

Nu Epsilon Omega is sponsoring Suicide Awareness Week from January 26 - February 2. The week starts this Sunday with a vigil on the Flik Patio at 9 p.m. Be sure to attend the various events throughout the week.

Public Safety Reports

January 13th:

6:59 p.m. - A South Hall resident injured his jaw and broke a tooth when he fell from his bed. He was transported to the hospital via taxi cab.

January 16th:

9:46 p.m. - An officer confiscated a student's knife set from a South Hall room due to a housing violation.

January 18th:

8:01 p.m. - A fire alarm was set off in West Hall caused by a resident using hairspray.

January 19th:

3:25 a.m. - A RA reported disorderly visitors in a J-Hill apt. were drinking alcohol. One visitor assaulted the RA and was arrested.

January 20th:

1:54 a.m. - An officer observed an intoxicated West Hall resident was ill. She was taken to the hospital via ambulance.

2:13 a.m. - An exit sign in South Hall was damaged exposing the wires. B+G was notified.

Curtis Week Takes Place Over Break

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This experience opened my mind to new cultures that I now have a deeper understanding of. I now realize that there are many people who have led a hard life with few choices that have put them in a cycle of poverty that is almost impossible to escape."

The group this year consisted of more male participants than any previous year. They were "an extraordinary group of students who were open to new experiences, each other and the community."

The students were challenged in a new way by being taken out of their comfort zone, but they rose to the occasion. They gained friends and earned the respect of the community," observed Machledt.

Many of the students involved came back to school this semester and are working to start new programs to benefit those

who they met and were touched by during the week.

Rich Kasten a junior from Coram, NY is a brother of Alpha Sigma Psi whose cause is Child Advocacy. Rich said that he joined "CURTIS Week as a way to learn more about Child Advocacy. When I spent a day in an elementary school with sixth graders I became inspired. They told me that they did not have an after school program. I saw that these kids had a lot of potential and they need to be shown that they have options and realize that college can be a possibility for them."

Overall CURTIS Week was a positive experience for all who were involved. The students were introduced to urban life as it is lived by its residents. They were brought into a world of diverse culture and gained tolerance and understanding. Each student walked away with a greater understanding of people and life.

Make a Difference - Become a RA

By Maureen Daley
Staff Reporter

The process of becoming a resident assistant, more commonly known as an RA, for the fall 2003 semester is already beginning. In the coming month Sacred Heart University students interested in becoming RAs must undergo a process to determine if they are qualified for the job. Resident assistants are student leaders who are considered the heart of all residential life programs. They live in the Sacred Heart University dorms, and are responsible for creating a community on their floors and in their halls.

RAs are typically well organized, good with time management, natural leaders, able to deal with conflict, patient, creative and must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. "The RAs work hard to keep everyone involved and safe. It takes real dedication to become a resident assistant," says Meaghan Mullane, a sophomore

from Wantagh, NY. There are also many duties and responsibilities of being a resident assistant.

This includes being on duty six to seven nights a month, creating at least six programs for an assigned floor, acting as a liaison between residents and campus departments, as well as attending weekly meetings with resident life staff and the designated hall director. Although the duties are great, the benefits of being an RA outweigh the drawbacks. Senior RA in East Hall, Michelle Hubbard, of Gurnee IL. States, "Being an RA will help you develop skills which will be beneficial in any career you choose."

There are three stages in the process of becoming a resident assistant. The first is to complete and hand in an application by February 14, 2003.

All applicants will then participate in a group process on the following Sunday, February 16, 2003. The group process consists of several team activities so that the director and assistant director of residence life, resi-

dence hall directors and current RAs can observe how applicants interact and work within a group. Potential resident assistants are rewarded through a point system during the group process.

The third and final stage is only for those applicants who receive high point values in the group process. Students who reach this level have an interview with a residence hall director and two current resident assistants. Once the interview is complete, so is the process, and it is then up to the staff of residential life to decide who will fill the void left by RAs not returning next year. "Our goal is to find student leaders who will give back to Sacred Heart as much as they are getting from it," states associate director of residential life, Allen Machielson.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off with Diana Varay in the Office of Res-Life located on the first floor of East Hall. For more information on becoming a resident assistant visit the Office of Residential Life, or call 416-3417.

Yale Mourns; SHU Reacts

By Elaine McCauley
News Editor

As the Yale University community mourns the loss of four of its students, the Sacred Heart community reacts to this horrific and tragic accident.

"When you hear about something like this it makes you realize that life can be fragile at any age," said senior Mark Zanetto from Meriden, CT.

Last Friday between 4 and 5 a.m. the students' 99 Chevrolet Tahoe crashed into a jackknifed tractor trailer on 95 North between exits 24 and 25. In total two cars and two tractor trailers were involved in the collision. Icy roads were said to have played a part in the accident.

One of the victims, sophomore Nicholas Grass, was from nearby Holyoak, MA. Freshman Amanda Lemieux from Agawam, MA said, "He [Grass] was from the town over from me and I've seen him at parties at home. It's so sad to think that one day he was here and now he's not."

Of the other five survivors of the accident, two still remain in critical condition. The nine students, all members or pledges of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity were returning from a fraternity event in New York City.

The accident is still under an intensive investigation by both the Connecticut State Police and the National Transportation Safety Board.

An article from January 19th in the *Connecticut Post* stated "The NTSB does not get involved in every fatal highway accident that happens," said NTSB spokesman Ted Loptakiewicz. "We tend to look at issues that have some national significance such as the design of the highway median, which allowed the tractor-trailer in this case to cross over the median into [oncoming traffic on] the other side of the highway."

According to an article in the January 20th issue of the *Connecticut Post*, "Most of the victims were members of the Bulldog football or baseball teams. The DKE fraternity is popular among Yale athletes. Former members include President Bush and his father, both of whom played baseball for Yale."

Being part of a sports team or any organization on a campus automatically connects a student to all the people involved in the group. Members of Sacred Heart men's track team commented on the tragedy and how it has affected them.

Freshman Andy Rawlins from Peekskill, NY and Junior Paul Herman from South Bronx, NY said, "We honestly feel that

this is a tragedy that we lost student athletes. Our condolences go out to the family members, friends, teammates, and fraternity brothers of all the victims. God Bless."

Freshman Bryan Smith (Copiague, NY) added, "The loss of any athlete is a hard hit to all athletes because it lessens the competition. I hope it doesn't effect the teams as a whole and I send my condolences to all that interact with the victims."

For some at Sacred Heart, this accident hit close to home because of the familiar stretch of highway where it occurred.

"This was a definite eye opener for all people at SHU because we all travel on 95 and it's definitely a dangerous highway. It makes you realize that you have to have a driver who's responsible and reliable," said junior Jillian Oparowski from Southington, CT.

Contributing some words of wisdom Student Government President Tom Pesce said, "This tragedy serves as a caution to people as RUSH begins. No one should do anything they don't feel comfortable doing. Luckily Sacred Heart hasn't had any case like this one and we should pride ourselves on that."

Transfer Backs Residential Life

I am writing my editorial in response to Alexis Lampone's entitled "Residential Life: Right or Wrong?" which I juxtaposed with my own. While I agree it is difficult to have to readjust to a new environment, with new people and their habits...let me remind you that this is what college is about. College, when you break it down is not about the classes, or learning exactly what you need out in the "real world." It is literally a learning experience, about life...how to deal with people that you are not used to, being exposed to different cultures, and learning to mature and leave college as a well-rounded, and adjusted individual.

As a transfer myself, I have to say that I was appalled by the idea that transfers should have their own floors, as if they had the plague because they are new. Hey, here is an idea, why don't we just have a separate dorm for all new people and those who are switching rooms...doesn't that sound nice?

It really saddened me when Robyn Johnson was also quoted saying that living with someone new is so hard, "Because cliques that are also formed are very hard to be broken and to understand and get along with them." So, wait a minute...when she gets out in the real working world and someone new starts, is she not going to be able to get along with them because they are new, and her daily routine will have to change? Wait, here is a better idea...maybe office buildings and all working environments should have their own separate floors for new people, this way the normal flow will not be disrupted. Really...how old are you that you are still so consumed with the idea of cliques?

College is supposed to broaden your horizons, not make you get even more involved into the high school mentality that you are (supposedly) trying to leave behind as you mature. It is not the fault of Residential Life; they are doing their job. They are not here to make your friends for you; they are here to prep you for types of situations that you will face in the future. And let's get one thing straight here, Residential Life is placing students in the rooms, they are not admitting them into the school. If there are too many students, and not enough beds and/or space, that is not their fault. With hous-

ing being as difficult as it has been for the last couple of years, maybe SHU should start taking in only the number of students they know they have beds for. But, that is just my (logical) opinion. Also, they are not trying to "save space," rather make space.

When I transferred here I had been in the Cardiac Care Unit at Montefiore Hospital in New York, for almost two weeks. I had my final heart surgery on a Friday, went home Saturday, and moved into East Hall on Tuesday. Crazy...I know, but I was so excited I kept telling the doctor that I needed to be released early because I had to pack!

"As a transfer myself, I have to say that I was appalled by the idea that transfers should have their own floors..."

The day I moved into East Hall, the girls on my floor immediately helped me unpack all my stuff, arrange my bed and furniture, and we sat around and talked all night. One of the girls even ran over to the main building around midnight, to get me a campus map, so that I could find my way around the next morning. They helped me out with everything.

Now, as a senior, I still live with them. They made it so much easier for me to adapt, feel comfortable, and feel accepted. While I realize that this is a very extraordinary circumstance, it was an amazing one as well.

I feel terribly for anyone who would have to come into a new environment, where they know no one, are nervous already, and have to deal with the immature "clique" mentality that was expressed in Johnson's comment. As Alexis Lampone ironically stated in her article, "Why would any student want to move into this type of environment?" My feelings exactly!

**-Sami DeVita
Editor-in-Chief**

Residential Life: Right or Wrong?

When students enter Sacred Heart University as freshmen, there is nothing wrong with the procedures that Residential Life takes, by placing students with strangers because in reality all freshmen start out looking for those friendships that will make the college experience more enjoyable. But after all bonds are made, the next year friends decide to go into the "group" living quarters such as East Hall suites, or Jefferson Hill apartments. But what happens when one of your roommates leaves or transfers out? Residential Life decides that it is okay to place someone else in that person's room or bed.

According to Residential Life this is okay and the staff feels that no one is being violated, but never are the students confronted about their feelings on this subject matter. Residential Life will fill a room that is the size of a closet with three people in order to save space.

According to Residential Life the procedures are very clear: First, the information is given to the students of the dorm or apartments that a new roommate will be filling one of their open spots and this is stated in the handbook and the housing contract.

When students first come back from summer vacations or if freshman they are asked to sign a housing contract, and within this housing contract it says that students can expect the arrival of a transfer, or present student of Sacred Heart University to be moved in any time that there is a open spot in their housing quarters. However, Residential Life notifies residents of that housing situation that a new student will be arriving.

If for any reason that someone does move out of the apartment and other roommates want another resident to move in permission must be granted by the hall director within the first two weeks of school. This is stated in our student handbooks. But if it is between semesters and you of roommates leaving and students wish to have friends move in permission must be granted by Residential Life and have everything done before the semester is over.

So now if it is the beginning of a new semester and students are sitting in their "group" housing quarters in which their friends have moved out for reasons, these friends that they have chose to live in "group housing" quarters, such as Jefferson Hill or Parkridge Townhouses or even the apartments,

were given no information that the person would be moving in. When confronted on the issue by the residents, names which were requested to be kept anonymous a staff member stated and quote "In your housing contract that you signed, it says that a student is able to be moved in when available space." Residential Life sees no problem with moving students into houses or apartments, where the students have chose to live with each other for specific reasons and the bonds, and cliques have been made. Why would any student want to move into this type of environment?

It seems to be that people on campus have different views of the decision for Residential Life to move students into the "group" or "private" housing quarters. "It's an unfortunate situation because bonds have been made between the people in the apartments already and then someone else moves in and the routine that each is used to has to be changed because of the new student coming in. It is wrong because Residential Life to think about the well being of the other student when going into the environment of "group" housing quarters, because cliques that are also formed are very hard to be broken and to understand and get along with them." (Andrea M. Lafaro. Class of 2004. Parkridge Townhouse.) When asked about the alternatives that should be considered, Andrea answered "that transfer students or current students should be placed with freshmen or in sophomore housing, because there is not a complete bond between everyone in these year groups." Also interviewed was Olga Sokolova, class of 2005 who lives in East Hall, she explained "that it is not a problem because when I was a freshman my roommate was a total stranger. It is part of living on campus." Robyn Johnson who is also a junior and lives in Avalon Gates agrees with Andrea "I think it is wrong. They have no right to just tell me that I am now living with a transfer, unless I give permission." Also when asked about alternatives Robyn responded "Residential Life should put them with the freshmen or have a dorm or a few floors somewhere for transfer students themselves."

The Upper classmen seem to agree with each other that Residential Life should not be able to just place new students with people that live in "group" or "private" housing quarters such as Jefferson Hill or East Hall Suites or the townhouses, and apartments. However Residential Life has the contract that can be thrown back in students faces, without any concern that the students will object to the procedures. But when it comes to filling in open spots is Residential Life right or wrong when they put transfer or current students in with students that live in the houses or apartments, knowing that there are cliques and bonds, and routines that now will have to be sacrificed because of the arrival of this new student?

**-Alexis Lampone
Contributing writer**



and where bonds between each other have been made and there is a knock on the door. It's the residents new roommate, a roommate in which the residents

Letters/Op-Ed



Dear Students,

I thought long and hard about what I would like to say to you as we enter another semester together at SHU. Basically, there are two things. The first, is a small, simple word with a very big, important meaning- *trust*! For that is one of the most important elements we will all need to be successful this semester. *Trust* in yourself; *trust* in each other, and especially in God! Everything happens for a reason and He will not let you down.

The second is from one of my all-time greatest heroes, Vince Lombardi. Everything that Lombardi did and taught to his players was focused around bravery, sacrifice and, above all, leadership.

Although some of you may not be familiar with Vince Lombardi, or do not like football, I think that we can all learn something from Lombardi's principles of life. Quite simply, they translate to mean: "*Always do your best!*"

None of us can know where

the journey we embark on this semester will lead us. We cannot yet know if it will be easy or difficult; if days will be "smooth sailing" or extremely rough. What we can know, what we should know, is that we can *always trust in God to always try our best!* As Vince Lombardi once said:

"...I firmly believe that in any man's finest hour- his greatest fulfillment to all that he holds dear- is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle-victorious!"

Please remember that your Student Government and I are always here to help you on your journey through SHU. We are constantly working to improve our school for you and we would like you to be a part of that process.

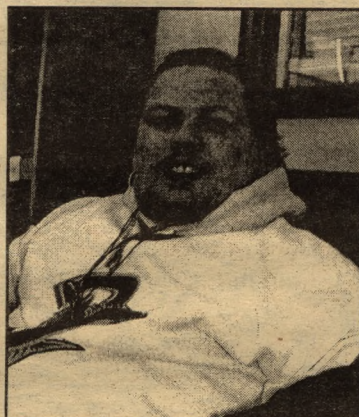
I invite you to stop by our office located in Hawley Lounge any time to talk to one of us about any ideas or concerns you may have. None of us is strong enough to achieve our goals alone, but together, we can accomplish anything! With that in mind as we begin, always remember to think, act, work, and *trust* like a champion everyday and always remember that hard work makes up for a multitude of mistakes!

With SHU Pride,
Tom Pesce

The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Susan Magnano

What is your favorite part of Super Bowl Sunday?



Chris Barr

Bridgeport, C.T.
Junior

"The commercials because they are really funny"



Meredith Alango

Thornwood, N.Y.
Sophomore

"I like the parties and get togethers."



Jeff Guillot

Smithtown, N.Y.
Junior

"I can't say I like anything because the Jets lost."

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New Year's Resolutions

By June Meyer
SHU Counseling Center

It's that time of year again. The holidays have come and gone, and the new year resolutions are in place. I can just hear it, "This year I will stop smoking, lose weight, work out more, ... eat right." All worthwhile and useful causes. But, what about caring for your emotional well-being? What about making sure you are happy as well as healthy. Calm as well as fulfilled. Self confident as well as successful? Below are the "Ten Rules to Emotional Health" borrowed from Sharon Johnson's Therapist's Guide to Clinical Intervention. Take a look at and give these rules a try.

Ten Rules to Emotional Health:

1. Take care of yourself. Take time to relax, exercise, eat right, spend time with people you enjoy and activities that you find pleasurable.
2. Choose to find the positives in life experiences instead of focusing on the negative. Most clouds have a silver lining and offer opportunity for understanding and growth. If you accept that things are difficult and you choose to do what you need to do...it does not seem so bad.
3. Let go of the past. If you can't change it and you have no control over it, then let it go.
4. Be respectful and responsible. Don't worry about other people; do what you know is right for you. When you take care of business you feel good. Don't get caught up in blaming others.
5. Acknowledge and take credit for your successes and accomplishments.
6. Take the time to develop one or two close friendships in which you can be honest about your thoughts and feelings.
7. Talk positively to yourself. We talk to our selves all day long. If we are saying negative and fearful things, than that is the way we feel!
8. Remove yourself from hurtful or damaging situations. Give yourself some space and problem-solve a sensible approach for dealing with it.
9. Accept that life is about choices and is always bringing change to you that requires adjustment.
10. Have a plan for the future. Develop longterm goals for yourself, but work on them one-day-at-a-time.



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FEATURES

The Brains and "Braun" Of Dirtbike Racing

By Kerry Freel
Features Editor

"I won a go-cart when I was 12 in a raffle. I convinced my parents to let me sell it and get a dirt bike," says senior Craig Braun of Syosset, Long Island, N.Y.

Braun has a unique, and sometimes dangerous, hobby, dirt bike racing. He's had about 6 or 7 bikes in his racing career, and is more concerned about these than he is his car.

On Sunday, at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, spectators saw Braun, better known as number 432, fly

around the dirt over mounds of all sizes in the 125 cc (a way of measuring mechanical power) novice race he competed in. The event was the Clearchannel Entertainment PJ-1 Arenacross.

Braun injured his leg during the event, and he wasn't the only one. "There were a few broken collar bones and some people broke their wrists over this past weekend," Braun said.

In preparation for Sunday's competition, Braun and his "mechanic," Kim Holmes, spent about four hours preparing his bike. It is not mandatory for a racer to have an assistant, but with all the preparations involved, Braun said he was glad to have help.

"I check the fluids to be sure they're on the mark, make sure the chain is completely lubed, all the nuts and bolts are secure and make sure there are no leaks and all the filters are clean and clear," Braun explained.

Competitors often warm up their bikes before a com-

petition at some point so it will function properly. "You start the bike to make it warm," Braun said.

With dirt flying as riders rounded curves of the course and smoke coming out of the back of the bikes, family and friends in the stands cheered.

Braun said he's used to the dirt and smoke of the sport.

"No headaches. It's not always regular gasoline in the bike's engines. I use aviation fluid, it's a different sort of smell," Braun explained.

Braun said he often sees the same people at the different events he goes to in the tri-state area.

"It's a tight-knit sort of thing. You see people over and over again. Sometimes there are people from overseas, like England and Australia. You travel with the same group of people, but you're always meeting new people," Braun explained. And you won't see a lot of number 432s speeding through the dirt.

"I was assigned 432 about 8 years ago, the AMA, American Motorcycle Association, assigns everyone a number," Braun said.

Many of the competitors are

sponsored by a particular company. The attire of each competitor varies based on the individual's preferences, but the outfit usu-

ally represents the sponsor.

Braun is sponsored by Elsinger racing which is based in Garden City, N.Y. From them he gets about \$1000 per season, which is nothing compared to the cost when the bike needs repair work.

"I can fix simple things, but anything involving the suspension or work on the engine, I have to bring it into a mechanic for. They charge more than car mechanics, about \$85 an hour," Braun said.

And, to add to the expense of the sport, it's about \$300 per lesson

in professional dirt bike racing. While dirt bike racing is a very large part of Braun's life, he is involved in other activities. He likes "RC," remote control, hobbies like planes and cars.

As a second semester senior who will be graduating in May, Braun is a psychology major and business minor at SHU. Braun had an internship over winter break that brought him to England, Florida, and Albany.

"We did political aspects of things. I attended press conferences. We got the smoking bars lifted in Suffolk County for Phillip Morris.

I also got to attend the State Address where everyone was politically sworn in. I met a lot of senators and New York State Governor George Pataki," Braun explained.

Braun plans on pursuing a career in public relations and a seat in the Suffolk County Legislature.



Photo by Susan Magnano

Craig Braun poses with his bike before heading to the starting line.



Photo by Susan Magnano

Craig Braun goes the distance in Sunday's Arenacross race.

Unconventional Jobs Over Conventional Vacation

By Jennifer Motisi
Staff Reporter

After a long semester of reading pages upon pages of textbooks, writing essays, and studying for hours, Sacred Heart students looked forward to spending a relaxing few weeks free of classes and assignments. Students' dreams of staying out late, sleeping until the afternoon, and hours of hanging out with old friends were suddenly slowed to a halt—it was time to get a job.

For many students, working over the break consisted of driving to the mall at 10 a.m., folding piles of shirts, helping inquisitive customers find the perfect holiday gift, and then driving back home eight hours later only to do the same thing the next day.

These types of jobs do have their enjoyable moments, but at times they can be monotonous and frustrating. While many students are content with their jobs inside the mall, others have found a different world of jobs that they enjoy.

"Is all the ice cream homemade?" That's one of the questions most asked of sophomore Joe Finis, of New Providence, New Jersey. Finis works at Zita's Homemade Ice Cream and Italian Ice and says, that while questions like the one above do grate on his nerves, he enjoys his job as assistant manager.

Reflecting on his job, Finis states, "I love working at Zita's because not only do I get to be in charge, and get a manager's pay, but I get to work with my friends...that and I get free ice cream."

Finis spends much of his time at work making and serving ice cream, which is a job that Christine Miscioscia, a sophomore from Tarrytown, New York, can relate to.

Miscioscia spent her winter break working two jobs; one making ice cream cakes and helping customers at Main Street Sweets, and the other at Sprain Brook Manor Nursing Home.

Miscioscia was happy with both of her jobs, and looks forward to going back to work. She saw her job in the nursing home as beneficial to her future career, as she worked with medical records, and plans on a career in the medical field. Miscioscia has had her moments of frustration at the usual inquisitive customer.

"The worst question I ever got was a guy asking me how much fat and calories were in the fat free ice cream," she recalls.

Colleen Mitrano, a sophomore from Harrison, New York, was also

busy during her break. She spent the month stocking items at Dusty Rose, a woman's clothing store. In this store stocking, a position filled typically with males, is occupied only by women.

While Mitrano's job is somewhat unique for that fact, it is also different for another reason. Hollywood celebrities are frequently spotted at the store. Personalities such as Joan Lunden, and Janine Piro (district attorney of Westchester, New York) have shopped while Mitrano was in the store.

"Even though it was boring sometimes, I learned a lot about women's fashion, and how to buy the right style to accent your body," Mitrano said.

While Mitrano was busy helping famous customers, sophomore John Cotter from Rye, New York, was hard at work, jumping from one job to another. Like Miscioscia, Cotter worked two jobs. During the day Cotter worked in the fitness center at his local YMCA as a Fitness Trainer. In this job he would help people with various exercises.

Then, two nights of the week he worked for the city's recreation department. During the winter months, he helps out with the youth basketball program at the recreation department, mainly refereeing games. Cotter enjoyed both jobs, for various reasons.

"I was able to work with a wide range between the two jobs and working with people is what I enjoy doing. I liked the people that I worked with, the laid back environment, and the fun atmosphere at both jobs," Cotter states. He is planning on becoming an athletic trainer, and thinks that his job at the YMCA will be beneficial to this field, as it will give him experience in working in a fitness environment.

On a different note, sophomore Angela Koenig, also of Harrison, New York, spent her break checking coats at the Rye Town Hilton.

Like Finis and Miscioscia, Koenig agrees that she would go back and work at this job again.

One of her most interesting moments at work was when a man saw her wearing a shirt with the Sacred Heart logo, and talked to her for half an hour about the University.

"It was nice that this stranger talked to me and asked me all these questions," Koenig comments.

While she enjoyed her job, she found it to be boring during the hours where customers were busy at parties or conventions in the hotel.

Now it's back to school, and, for many, time to forget about that winter job and concentrate on tests and term papers again. Just when the thought of the seasonal job has been pushed aside, it's time for spring break, and the never-ending cycle has to begin all over again.

"The worst question I ever got was a guy asking me how much fat and calories were in the fat free ice cream"
-Christine Miscioscia

Rosado moves to INROADS

By Jamie Pasculli
Staff Reporter

Since August of 2001, Michele Rosado has worked at Sacred Heart University as a Graduate Assistant. Before coming to Sacred Heart as a graduate student, Rosado grew up in the Bronx, N.Y. and got her undergraduate degree at SUNY Albany.

While working as a GA she serves the students of SHU as the advisor to Greek Life, the sophomore class, and she has coordinated events and programs such as STAR I, and Alcohol Awareness Week.

You can find her in Hawley Lounge day or night working hard for the students of SHU. Now the time has come for Rosado to say "goodbye" to Sacred Heart. She has been offered a job at a company called INROADS in Stamford. According to the website writers for the company, "INROADS is an organization that seeks to increase business career opportunities and knowledge for the best and brightest young people of color, while giving corporations the opportunity to develop diverse managerial talent."

At INROADS, Rosado will serve as a Professional Development Specialist. She explained that her responsibilities at INROADS will include: "advising, coaching and motivating college interns to promote professional, personal and academic growth" and, "recruiting students by interviewing and selecting potential interns to fill different internship positions."

While working and going to school, Rosado took on many different positions and interacted with many different people. When asked about her SHU experiences she said, "It's definitely been one of my biggest learning and challenging opportunities that I've had. I love working with the students, they have helped me learn about myself, which will help me in my new job at INROADS. This job has been a great stepping stone for my new job, and I will definitely miss everyone here."

Rosado finds working with students to be interesting work. "It is definitely very rewarding when you know that you've had an impact on the students because that is basically why I stayed at Sacred Heart for so long. I could have gotten a full-time job from the beginning, but I decided to stay and work with the students."

Ms. Rosado will not completely be leaving Sacred Heart, she will continue taking her graduate classes here in order to maintain a Masters degree in Business.

It is still unknown who will be taking over Rosado's responsibilities, but it



photo by Susan Magnano

Graduate Assistant Michele Rosado is going to INROADS where she will be involved with arranging internships.

is certain that she will be missed by many of her friends and co-workers at SHU.

"It was a joy and a pleasure working with Michele. She is not only my co-worker she is one of my very good friends. Michele has kept me sane for a year and a half and I am glad that I had a friend here," said Jacinda Felix, a fellow SHU graduate assistant.

Matt Hales a senior from Union, NJ who serves as the VP of Greek Life, is another person at SHU that works very closely with Michele.

"It's a bittersweet deal. I'm happy for her because she found a full-time job that makes her happy, but I'm also sad because we have become really close. She started out as my advisor, but she also became a very close friend of mine," Hales said.

"This job has been a great stepping stone... I will definitely miss everyone here"

-Michele Rosado

Gear Up For Spring Break

By Diana Lumani
Staff Reporter

When the looming real world drives students mad, spring break is an appealing solution to the dilemma. And even though the second week of the new semester has yet to close, students never find it too early to plan for spring break. In fact, if you're just starting to plan now, you might have missed out on some great deals. But, what are the hot spots that are being traveled to this year?

"It's party central in Cancun," said Marissa Martins from Norwalk, CT. In the last several years this destination has been a main attraction for college students who are in search of sun, sandy beaches and dance clubs with their classmates and new friends. "I went to Cancun last year with my roommates and if you're seeking something foreign in Cancun, seek elsewhere. Everyone speaks English, American dollars are accepted, and there are plenty of restaurants and shopping malls to make you feel right at home," said Jessica Santiago, a senior from Monroe, CT. Theme nights, drink specials and endless debauchery abounds. There's the Hotel Zone, which is a long stretch of hotels and resorts, or you can head to downtown Cancun and its glut of bars, discos and restaurants. To obtain the lowest fares for hotels in this area call 1-800-310-5898.

"Last year's hot spot was the Bahamas. The drinking age was only 18. Americans with money were treated like Kings and Queens and there were no shortage of places to go. The only downside was that 'cabbies' never had change," revealed John S. Palerino, a junior from New Rochelle, NY. In the Bahamas, with over 700 islands, it offers spring breakers plenty of options,

from pink-sandy beaches for sun worshippers to glitzy casinos for all the high rollers. According to Clevertraveler.com the most popular places include Nassau, Paradise Island, and Grand Bahama Island, and despite the high number of tourists, there's plenty of traditional British charm to go around. The most active nightlife focuses on the major resort hotels, among many dance clubs and bars packed with blithe partiers.

Lastly, it seems like the Sunshine State of Florida will always be a spring break destination of preference. With 800 miles of quality beach to choose from, it's no wonder hordes of spring breakers descend on Panama City each year to lounge and party on 27 miles of sand.

Though there are tons of beachfront hotels on the main strip, the party destination of choice is The Boardwalk Beach resort. Or you can get busy in the biggest nightclub in the U.S., Club La Vela.

"It's party central in Cancun"

-Marissa Martins

"This year, with the really low packages being offered my best friend and I decided to go to Florida for fun in the sun. What attracted us to go there besides the low price is that Florida is always a hot spot for spring breakers. It's not as wild as Cancun or Jamaica however. Florida has a lot to offer as far as entertainment is concerned," said Ali Freidman, a junior from Shelton, CT.

So whether you're a spring break virgin or a returning champion, start planning for those deals at ParadiseParties.com for current promotions to the most popular destinations. At your own risk determine which party destination is right for you.

Poet's Corner

By Danielle Mc Grath
Junior

Love yet to be fulfilled

She sits in the chair.
She looks out one window, then the other.

One she sees the past in, the other what she desires in the future.

She craves the complete package of a relationship of love, honesty,

and amazing life of sensuality.

She looks out the window at her past and then lets go of it, closes the window, locks it and shuts the shade on it.

She looks to the future and sees the man of her dreams.

He has a sweet, caring and honest face and he has a young boy in tow.

But that does not scare her.

But what scares her is the thought of letting him in on how she feels for complete fear of rejection.

She secretly desires to be with him, and be the woman he needs in every aspect of his life.

She realizes that he has seen her in the window.

She shys away from the window and awaits his response.

But secretly she craves a caring hug and kiss from him

Sweet Desire

She looks over at him as he sleeps,

and it makes her smile and her heart skip a beat.

She gently caresses his face and kisses his forehead.

He awakes and asks her what she is thinking about.

She cannot bear to bare her whole soul,

it's far too soon, so she simply shuts down her mind.

She realizes it's best to just live in the moment,

and takes things as they come.

She realizes she at the very least she has a new friend,

but also wants to spend more time with him.

She wants to eventually bare it all to him and have him bare it all to her.

She has looked into the windows of his soul,

but knows that she must earn the key to the heart and only when it is the right time to access that key.

Just as he has looked into her soul through her eyes,

he must still earn the key to open her heart which bares the complete being of her,

if he decides she is what he wants in his life.

But she feels no rush, or pressure, just a desire to explore each other and life.

A&E

"And the Award Goes To"...Not the Osbournes

By Colleen Mitrano
Staff Writer

On Monday January 13, 2003 the 30th annual American Music Awards hosted by the Osbourne family aired. Although highly anticipated, the show proved to be nothing but yet another long, three-hour awards ceremony, produced by Dick Clark.

Even though the Osbournes are known and loved for their crazy dysfunctional behavior, it was that behavior that for, some reason, just did not fly. The family acted silly and did not even appear to have any organization or hosting strategy. From the usual cursing to an unnecessary Britney and Justin joke, to commenting about useless things, the Osbournes added nothing to make the awards move along quickly.

Not only did the Osbournes prove to be a disappointment, but the usually energetic per-

formances by artists like B2K, Missy Elliot, Shania Twain, and Matchbox 20 performed, were a bust as well. Even with B2K

country performance by Shania Twain was not enthusiastic. Although going into and rising above the audience by stairs while singing, her performance appeared as if Shania did not have any feeling.

Besides the well-sung performances of Mariah Carey and Christina Aguilera, who showed off their sensational voices when singing their hits, "Through the Rain" and "Beautiful," the awards did not offer any other really substantial performances.

Although not the greatest singer, Kelly Osbourne at least showed energy and spunk when performing her single "Shut Up," which many of the other performances thoroughly lacked.

Though not the greatest of awards shows, it still was an

awards show, which meant lots of awards where to be handed out.

The big winner was controversial rapper Eminem. Although absent from the show, the rapper still managed to walk away with all four of the awards he was nominated for, including Best Pop/Rock and Hip Hop/R&B Male Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock and Hip

Chicks who each walked away with two awards. Winning two

awards was new Rhythm & Blues sensation Ashanti, who won two of her five nominations for favorite new Hip-hop singer and favorite new Pop Artist.

Although the American Music Awards tried to make the normally entertaining show exciting by recruiting the Osbournes to host, it just did not work. The 30th annual American Music Awards proved unfortunately proved

to be nothing but just another boring awards show.



Photo courtesy of ABC

"Shut up!" The Osbournes were a bit too much for a network awards show.

dancing and using vivid stage lighting when performing their hit "Bump Bump Bump," the performance still lacked any vivacity.

In addition, the usually lively



Photo courtesy of ABC

Above, Shania Twain's feelingless performance didn't move the crowd. Below, Christina Aguilera proves her voice is



hop/R&B Album. Other winners included Creed and the Dixie

"Joe Millionaire": Fighting for love or money?

By Donna Palumbo
Staff Writer

The new television series "Joe Millionaire" puts a new spin on reality shows. Essentially a dating game, "Joe Millionaire" has 20 single women competing to win the affection of Joe, an eligible bachelor who has just inherited \$50 million. However, these women are unaware that Joe is an illusion and that the bachelor they are battling for is Evan Marriott, a 28-year-old construction worker who only earns a meager \$19,000 yearly salary.



Photo courtesy of Fox

Name: Melissa Jo Age: 25
Occupation: Loan Officer/

The show, set in the French countryside, first opened with prior footage of Evan during the course of an average day's work on a construction site. Then the audience was introduced to Paul the Butler, who advises Evan

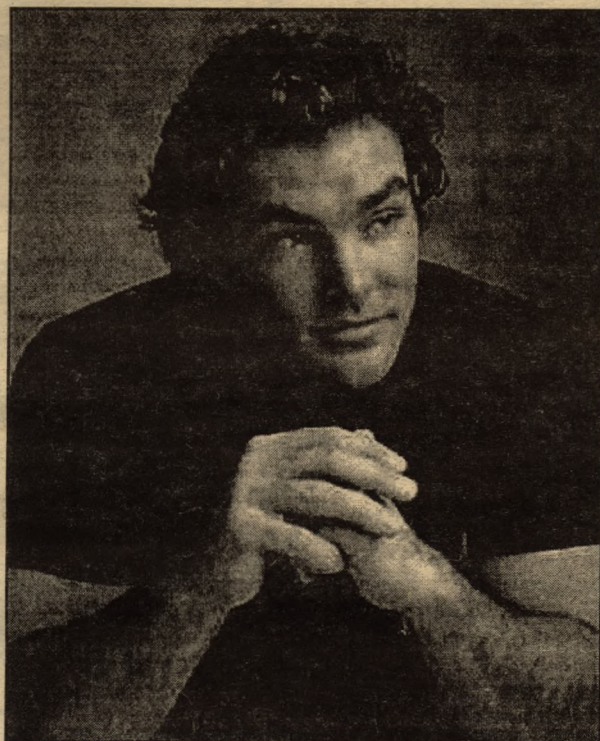


Photo courtesy of Fox

Name: Evan Age: 28
Supposed Fortune: \$50,000,000
Actual Income: \$19,000
Occupation: Construction Worker

on proper dining manners and attire, and the host of the "Joe Millionaire," Alex McLeod. In a fairy tale-like manner, the ladies were brought in two by two on a horse-drawn carriage, while Evan came in on horseback to greet them.

In the first episode, which premiered on Monday, January 6, all 20 women attended a grand ball where they each received

one time on three different group dates: to a winery, on a train ride and horseback riding. At the outset of each group date, however, the women were required to accomplish some outrageous tasks. Before entering the winery, four of the women had to walk through a vineyard in the cold to pick their own grapes, the train ride group had to shovel coal into

a turn to dance with Evan, after which he chose 12 to move on to the next round by giving them all a pearl necklace.

As the second episode began, the twelve ladies were carefully narrowed down even more, to only five lucky women, each given a sapphire necklace as a token of the "millionaire's" affection. This time, Evan chose his favorites after taking four ladies at



Photo courtesy of Fox

Name: Melissa M. Age: 24
Occupation: Customer Service Representative

the furnace of the train to start it moving, and the horseback riding ladies had to shovel manure before they could begin to ride. Would the ladies have done these tasks if they had known how



Photo courtesy of Fox

Name: Sarah Age: 29
Occupation: Sales and Design

much Joe the millionaire was really worth?

In the latest episode, Evan whisked the final five contestants away to a luxurious stay in Paris.



Photo courtesy of Fox

Name: Zora Age: 29
Occupation: Substitute Teacher

He took each of the women on an extravagant date in the city of lights. Each date was romantic and unique, including a trip to the Eiffel tower, a show at the Moulin Rouge and a cruise along the Seine.

He narrowed his decision by eliminating one more woman, bestowing his final four with a gift of an emerald necklace. The stakes are getting higher as this series continues, each episode demonstrating another aspect of a lifestyle this average Joe could never really give these women.

"Joe Millionaire" airs at 9 p.m. every Monday on FOX and will run for seven episodes. This new series is both highly original and entertaining, as it waits to see if the lucky winner will still consider herself lucky to win the heart of just an average Joe.

The Movies of 2002 in Review: All that Glitters is not "Goldmember"

By Patrick Scalisi
Staff Writer

To be quite frank, 2001 was a dark year for cinema. Beginning early on with a probable writers strike and ending with the wounds of September 11th, Hollywood saw, at least for a time, a lack of interest in the usual celebrity gossip and blockbuster releases as the famous came together to unite an injured nation and studios retracted now risqué titles.

That being said, it is no surprise that 2002 opened the door to reinvention and Hollywood gratefully seized the opportunity. Drawing on some of the oldest traditions in film history, studios began to revive everything that America loved about the movies before September 11th and fell back on familiar characters and stories.

It is little wonder, then, that 2002 saw the continuation of Star Wars, James Bond, and Star Trek while filmmakers drew on even older sources such as the innocence of comic books and the grandeur of J.R.R. Tolkien for inspiration.

It is for this reason that 2002 may be accurately called The Year of the Franchise. Here are some of the highlights.

"Spiderman"

The buzz for "Spiderman" began as soon as the casting calls did, and Tobey Maguire proved that he was the right man for the job. Spiderman became one of the year's biggest blockbusters, going head-to-head with movie mammoth Star Wars and emerging the victor.



There is already talk of several sequels and Maguire claims that he's on the boat.

"Star Wars: Episode II"

George Lucas may have been laughed at for his campy title, but he's still laughing all the way to the bank. Episode II emerged from the bout with "Spiderman" bruised, but still pulled its weight. Lucas' middle-act proved darker than the sometimes-cartoony "Phantom Menace" but still couldn't live up

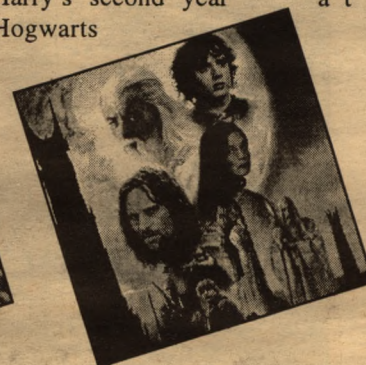
to its predecessor "The Empire Strikes Back." (Now on Video and DVD)

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

Thanks to Mrs. Tom Hanks and a bottle of Windex, "Greek Wedding"



as well known as for his extra-curricular activities as for his film roles. Harris' death had a particular impact on Harry Potter fans, as "Chamber of Secrets" would be one of his last roles. Harry's second year at Hogwarts



Photos courtesy of the Internet Movie Database
Left to right: "Star Wars Episode II", "My Big Fat Greek Wedding", "Spiderman" and "The Lord of the Rings: the Two Towers"

became the success story of the year. Made for \$5 million, "MBFGW" went on to become the highest grossing independent film, drawing profits amazing. A sequel and a sitcom are in the works but perspective audiences have mixed opinions about lightning striking twice. (Available on Video and DVD February 11th)

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

In late October, the world of cinema mourned the loss of Richard Harris, the hell-raiser

would prove to be infinitely darker than his sugarcoated first adventure, but "Chamber of Secrets" is plenty to feast on while J.K. Rowling churns out the Fifth Book.

"Die Another Day"

Why not revisit the oldest franchise in film history in 2002? Moviegoers and critics have yet to find an answer to this question, as the twentieth James Bond film opened to its biggest weekend ever and received glowing reviews from both the industry

and the fans. Bond managed to reign over super-spy flop "xXx" (which was recently named the worst movie of the year by "Entertainment Magazine") and held a number one spot for 3 weeks. (Now in theaters)

"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

Very little can be put into words that can describe the sublime magnificence that accompanies Peter Jackson's second installment of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Boasting special effects that could put George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic out of business, Two Towers is an experience that must be seen to be believed. (Now in theaters)

With 2003 now in full swing, one can look back on the previous year and witness the reinvention that took place in the way America makes, watches, and rents movies. It's true that 2002 did have its darker days ("Austin Powers in Goldmember" and "Men In Black II") but these were often cast away by the unexpected rays of sunlight ("Red Dragon" and "8 Mile"). Nevertheless, in the words of Harry Potter's self-indulgent teacher, Gilderoy Lockhart, "Fame is a fickle friend," and 2003 may have a few surprises of its own.

Golden Globe Winners

(The 60th Annual Golden Globes were aired January 19, 2003)

Best Motion Picture (Drama)	"The Hours"
Best Actress (Drama)	Nicole Kidman ("The Hours")
Best Actor (Drama)	Jack Nicholson ("About Schmidt")
Best Motion Picture (Musical/Comedy)	"Chicago"
Best Actress (Musical/Comedy)	Renee Zellweger ("Chicago")
Best Actor (Musical/Comedy)	Richard Gere ("Chicago")
Best Director of a Motion Picture	Martin Scorsese (Gangs of NY)
Best Television Series (Drama)	"The Shield"
Best Actor in a TV Series (Drama)	Michael Chiklis ("The Shield")
Best Actress in a TV Series (Drama)	Edie Falco ("The Sopranos")
Best TV Series (Musical/Comedy)	"Curb Your Enthusiasm"
Best Actor in a TV Series (Comedy)	Tony Shalhoub ("Monk")
Best Actress in a TV Series (Comedy)	Jennifer Aniston ("Friends")

Source: CNN

Topping the Box Office

The Weekend of January 17-19

Rank	Title	Gross:	Weekend Total
1	Kangaroo Jack (2003)	17.6m	17.6m
2	National Security (2003)	15.7m	15.7m
3	Just Married (2003)	12.4m	34.0m
4	Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, (2002)	11.3m	299.0m
5	Catch Me If You Can (2002)	11.3m	135.0m
6	Chicago (2002)	8.0m	27.7m
7	Guy Thing, A (2003)	27.7m	7.1m
8	About Schmidt (2002)	6.2m	30.1m
9	Hours, The (2002)	4.7m	7.4m
10	Two Weeks Notice (2002)	4.1m	85.0m

Source: Internet Movie Database

WHO Guitarist leads a dangerous crusade

By Guy Savage
Staff Writer

WHO guitarist and rock and roll legend Pete Townshend, 57, was arrested in England on Monday, January 13 on suspicion of possessing indecent images of children. Townshend claims he was just doing research for a book he is writing and he released a statement just before his arrest stating his "anger and vengeance towards the mentally ill people who find pedophilic pornography attractive."

His new book focuses on his childhood, where he claims to have been sexually abused by his grandmother. Townshend stated, "I predicted many years ago that what has become the Internet would be used to subvert, pervert and destroy the lives of decent people. I have felt for a long time that it is part of my duty, knowing what I know, to act as a vigilante to help support organizations like the Internet Watch Foundation, the NSPCC



Photo courtesy of MCA
Behind blue eyes: crusader or pervert?

and Scotland Yard to build up a powerful and well-informed voice to speak loudly about the millions of dollars being made by American banks and credit card companies for the pornography industry. That industry deliberately blurs what is legal and what is illegal, and different

countries have different laws and moral values about this. I do not. I do not want child pornography to be available on the Internet anywhere at any time."

This arrest comes on the heels of other alleged child porn inquiries into Hollywood stars such as Jeffery Jones best known for his role as the principal in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and Paul Reubens, better known as Pee-wee Herman. Townshend was released on bail shortly after his arrest. He has not been charged with any crime because British law states that suspects are not charged upon arrest.

Townshend's statement to the press concluded with a line that may explain this entire fiasco, "On one occasion I used a credit card to enter a site advertising child porn. I did this purely to see what was there. I spoke informally to a friend who was a lawyer and reported what I'd seen." Ironically, Townshend's open crusade against child porn may be used against him in trial.

Two Sports, One Star: Brian Pawlowski

By John Antignani
Sports Writer

The sun glints off the helmet of number four. He settles into his position of strong safety anticipating where the opposing quarterback will throw the ball. He swoops down in front of the intended receiver and intercepts the football in full stride.

His 4.46 forty-yard dash speed belies his 6'2" 220 frame. The opposing offensive players have now turned into defenders, which has become quite a mismatch. All that the hapless opposing players can hope to do is paw hopelessly at the tall figure in the silver and red ensemble of Sacred Heart, as he streaks down the sideline.

Football season is over and indoor track season has begun. The muscular, blond-haired athlete is bounding down the 40-meter runway that leads into the long jump pit. His enormous gait covers the distance very quickly as he hits the takeoff board with precision and timing.

His arms and legs are a whirl of activity as he catapults himself into the air. He lands in the dirt-covered pit with ease and comes up smiling.

The athlete's name is Brian Pawlowski, All-American Division I-AA Mid-Major football player/track star at SHU.



Photo by Jennifer Jensen

Junior Brian Pawlowski has made a habit of hard work and success in both Football and Track.

(junior class standing). He's from Sommerville, New Jersey where he excelled at Football, Baseball and Basketball, while attending Immacula High School.

Pawlowski made the New Jersey All-State football team as a strong safety. His high school track experience was limited due to a lack of school facilities.

Numerous colleges wanted him for their football programs. His decision to attend Sacred Heart University was influenced

by a recruiting visit.

"(Former) Head Coach Jim Fleming made me a believer in the school, he came to my home to recruit me," Pawlowski said. "He promised that I'd have a championship ring on my finger by the time I graduated. He most certainly held up to that."

Sacred Heart won the Division I, Mid-Major National Championship in 2001. A perfect 11-0 record capped off the season.

In 2001, Pawlowski joined Sacred Heart's Track Team his freshman year. It was an awkward transition at first. "I always was looking to gain weight for football," said Pawlowski. For track I had to lose weight in order to excel at the events."

Sophomore year things got brighter as Pawlowski made the finals in long jump at the NEC conference meet at Mount Saint Mary's College, in Emmitsburg, MD, jumping a personal record 22'1". Sacred Heart Head Track and Cross Country coach, Christian Morrison feels that "making finals gave him a taste of track and that's why he's hungry for more."

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According to Morrison, "Brian is still very raw when it comes to track and field. It's a tough balancing act for him, with the demands football places on an athlete, but with hard work he has a chance to become a highly competitive Division I competitor in the jumping events."

His outstanding year culminated in his being selected to compete in the long jump at the prestigious New England Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Solomon.

Track, Dedham, MA. This meet is by invite only and is based on a predetermined set of times and marks. "Everyone in my family is supportive of me," Pawlowski said. "But my dad is behind my dream to someday reach the NFL and my mom feels that I should concentrate on my accounting major. There's a little clash because of it."

Pawlowski has a younger brother, Mike who's a freshman linebacker at Delaware. His youngest brother, Eric is a junior in high school and "hopefully coming to Sacred Heart," said Pawlowski.

At 21, Pawlowski has his sights set on many future goals. Intercepted footballs run back for touchdowns and gravity defying leaps over a long jump pit being just two of them. Football and track still rank high on his agenda of things to accomplish.

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At the 11:34 mark the Pioneers scored what would be the game winning goal. Erik Roos (Fr, Milford, CT) set up Peter Giatrelis (Fr, Hamden, CT) in the slot who fired a shot to beat Martin to put Sacred Heart up for good.

Ryan Bremner (So, Williams Lake, B.C.) would add an insurance goal with only 3:18 remaining in the game.

Neither team was able to net the game winner between the third period or overtime thus ending the game in a 2-2 tie.

Sacred Heart, however did give a glimmer of hope to the Stags when Senior Konn Hawkes (Watrous, Sask.) was sent to the penalty box for a cross-check only 51 seconds remaining. Ferhi and the Pioneer defense held to close out the 3-1 victory.

Saturday night's game once again saw the Stags jump out front. Steve Calderara provided the goal this time 9:00 into the game on a feed from Hunter Greeley. And just like the first game, the Pioneers answered back, this time with Roos netting a shorthanded goal.

Garrett Larson (So. Rycroft, Alb.) would put the Pioneers up at the 7:14 mark in the second period on the power play. Unlike their game Friday, the Pioneers would not be able to hold onto the lead. Rae Metz's solo effort tied the game up with 7:04 remaining in the second period.

The games left Sacred Heart at 6-8-5 overall and 6-5-2 in the MAAC, which puts them into the sixth position in the conference. Paquet's three points in the two games give him a team leading 18 for the season.

Ferhi saw his goals against average go to 2.34, which currently sits him 18th in the nation. Next up for the Pioneers is a home-in-home set with Iona on Jan. 24 at home and Jan. 25 on the road. Sacred Heart is now 2-0-1 in their last three games.

Women Head into Heart of Season

By Amy Lavoie
Sports Writer

Sacred Heart University women's basketball has been performing well this past month with strong showings in and out of the Northeast Conference. The Pioneers have only one loss at home and are looking to improve their 8-5 record at home tonight in NEC action against Robert Morris.

After handling Wagner 59-43 on Dec. 14, in which they were led by senior Ashley Durmer (Nashua, NH) who put up 16 points and grabbed six boards for SHU, the Pioneers headed into non-conference competition.

The next two game, they dropped heartbreaking losses at Marquette (76-49) and Columbia (73-69), despite senior Brooke Kelly's (Medford, NJ) career-high 29 points, but bounced right back for home victories over Brown (85-73) and New Hampshire (64-57).

SHU took its first NEC loss on Jan. 11 at rival Quinnipiac, when their amazing comeback

fell short by a single point, 66-65. On Jan. 14, Sacred Heart traveled to New Haven, CT to rock the Yale Bulldogs 70-54, highlighted by a career-high 23 points from senior co-captain Brooke Rutnik (Albany, NY).

On Jan. 16, Monmouth University broke the Pioneers' 12-game home win streak by coming from behind to hand SHU a 60-59 loss in the final 22 seconds of the game, despite 14 points from Durmer and Kelly's first double-double of the season with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pioneers recovered quickly with a gut-wrenching 60-58 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson on Jan. 18, led by Durmer's team-high 14 points.

"We had a bit of a rocky start," says Durmer. With the loss of their starting point guard, sophomore Allie Bagnell (Newton, PA), to a severe knee injury during last Thursday's Monmouth battle, "we're going to have to regroup," says Kelly. She stated, "We're just getting into the heart of the season," as the Pioneers are facing only NEC competition for the rest of the season. "But we're optimistic," says Durmer.

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school records in the 400, 500, 600, and 800-meter events for indoor track and the 400 and 800 meters in the outdoor season.

The men and women recently traveled to Boston University with the women competing on Jan. 17 and the men on Jan. 18. The women had a good meet and were led by junior Sara Tasber (Henrietta, NY). Tasber placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 57.54. Her time demolished her own indoor school record of 58.47 set in 2002. Tasber said, "I was defiantly surprised, my goal was to break 59 on the day. Now I want to go 57.3 that will qualify me for ECAC's." She also automatically qualified for the New England Championships. With only 20 minutes rest, Tasber anchored the 4x400 relay to its fastest time of the season in 4:09.45. Her 400-meter baton carry of 57.6 broke her own record of 58.4 set in 2002. Head Coach Christian Morrison said, "She is on her way to having a great year and I am excited to see what she can do this season."

Freshmen Meghan Sullivan (Windham, NH) finished third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.78. In the 200 meters, Sullivan placed fifth with a time of 27.02, to break the old school record of 27.07, set by Kendalle Brown in 2002. Coach Morrison said "She is a real good athlete for us, she is going to make us a lot tougher in the sprinting events." Junior Lauren Drew (Buxton, ME) joined Sullivan in scoring in the 55-meter dash by finishing fifth in 7.90. Junior Kristin Eckert (Farmingville, NY) was the top point scorer for the women pioneers, placing in two individual events. Eckert place second in the weight throw, with a personal best toss of 45' 4 1/2". Eckert also finished forth in the shot put with a toss of 35' 3".

Sophomore Halie Kennie (Standish, ME) finished ahead of Eckert in the shot put with a throw of 39' 10", which was good for second place.

The pioneer men were led by

freshmen Evan Lasher the only athlete to score in two individual events. He placed fifth in the weight throw with a toss of 45' 8 1/2". This throw was a personal best by nearly three feet and, the third best throw in school history. Later, he finished third in the shot put with a throw of 47' 8 1/2". Lasher said "I felt pretty good but I was a little disappointed with my shot put, but after my three foot personal record in the weight I felt a lot better." Coach Morrison said "Evan is just learning the weight throw event and he will be great when he has a few more seasons under his belt."

Sophomore Gregg Curley broke his own school record in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.37 seconds beating his own record of 8.38 set previous week at Yale. Curley also ran the lead off leg of the fifth place 4 x 400 relay. The other members of that team were sophomore Todd Brownell (Hudson Falls, NY), junior Paul Herman (Bronx, NY) and junior Sal Cataldo (Elmwood Park, NJ). The relay team recorded its fastest time of the year, by more than 7 seconds, with at time of 3:25.91.

Freshmen Neal Shapiro (Glenwood, NJ), freshmen Bobby Howard (Levittown, NY), junior Andrew Renna (Danbury, CT) and freshmen Tyler Arnett (Clinton Corners, NY) ran together for a fifth place finish in the distance medley relay.

Howard ran a tremendous 1200-meter lead off leg and set a new school record in the process. His split of 3:14.5 is a new school record for a 1200-meter baton carry, beating the old record of 3:16.6 set by John Morash in 2002.

"I was a little surprised since most distance runners don't do this well early in the season," said Howard. "I was focused for the race and I was pumped up," he added. Brian Pawlowski (Branchburg, NJ) finished second in the long jump with a leap of 20' 10 3/4" to round out the scoring for the team on the day. The men and women will be back in action on Jan. 25 at the Wesleyan Invitational.

Men's Basketball Bounces Back

Despite a slow beginning to their season, the Pioneers have posted four wins in the past couple weeks.

By Katie Atkins
Sports Writer

Despite beginning the season with five straight losses, the men's basketball team has posted a 4-6 record since then, bringing their overall record to 4-11 and their Northeast Conference record to 2-2.

Before departing for a weekend in Puerto Rico, the Pioneers hosted back-to-back games against Duquesne and Northeastern but dropped both. SHU closed off the San Juan Shootout, which was held from Dec 20-22, with a 77-64 victory over Puerto-Rico Mayaguez.

"Puerto Rico was good for the team because it gave us a chance to become better teammates and friends. The weather was nice and warm," said junior center Zach Spivey (Lubbock, TX).

The key highlights of the 3-6 stretch over winter break include a last second victory over Columbia, the result of a three-point shot by junior guard Omar Wellington (Pennsauken, NJ) with :02 remaining on the clock.

In another recent close game, the Pioneers upset Quinnipiac in a Northeast Conference match up. Junior Maurice Bailey (Hempstead, NY), who is averaging nearly 17 points a game, poured in 25 and junior Chris

Assel (Eagan, MN) contributed 21 points to the cause.

This past Saturday the Pioneers defeated Fairleigh Dickinson University 74-62 in front of an enthusiastic home crowd. Assel led SHU in scoring with 17 points, while Bailey added 14 and junior forward Justin James (Tampa, FL) contributed 10.

"The team has just come together and realized what it is going to take to win. There is still room for much improvement though," said Spivey.

"Our recent wins against Columbia and Quinnipiac were very big for the team's confidence. I think lately we have been playing very good basketball. Even in the recent losses we have played very well," Said Omar Wellington.

Even though the team also posted losses to the Minnesota Golden Gophers, Vermont, Wagner, and most recently, Central Connecticut, SHU has shown improvement and are losing games by a smaller point margin. The Pioneers dropped Wednesday's game against Central Connecticut by just five points.

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dence. I think lately we have been playing very good basketball. Even in the recent losses we have played very well," said Wellington.

Head Coach Dave Bike attributes the three recent victories and the closer games to "doing certain things better than the other team, such as respecting the ball more and attaining a higher shooting percentage."

The Pioneers are now preparing for several upcoming Northeast Conference contests. "Knowing individuals from the other team better and having some familiarity with the type of game they play will be to our advantage, but to theirs are well," said Bike.

"The key to the rest of the season will be to do what we do best all the time; to try to be consistent with the positives."

Saturday's game against Fairleigh Dickinson marks the mid-point of the regular season and the Pioneers have 14 games remaining, all of which are Northeast Conference match ups. So the real test has now arrived.

SHU is back in action on Thursday at home against Monmouth, who currently leads the NEC conference with a 3-0 record, at 7:30 pm. The Pioneers will also face fellow NEC rival St. Francis (PA) who boast a 3-1 record, this Saturday at 7 pm in Loretto, PA.

"Our goal now is to win as many conference games as we can so that we can fight for that NCAA tournament bid at the end of the season. I think the school will definitely have something exciting to cheer about when tournament time rolls around," said Wellington.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan 24

Wrestling at N/S Duals Fairfax, VA 6:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey vs Iona Milford, CT 7:00 PM

Saturday, Jan 25

Men's Basketball	at SFPA Loretto, PA 7:00 PM
Women's Basketball	at St Francis PA Loretto, PA 4:00 PM
Men's Bowling	at Conference Match North Brunswick, NJ
Women's Track	at Wesleyan Middletown, CT 10:00 AM
Men's Track	at Wesleyan Middletown, CT 10:00 AM
Wrestling	at N/S Duals Fairfax, VA 11:00 AM
Women's Ice Hockey	at RIT Rochester, NY 3:30 PM
Men's Volleyball	at Springfield Springfield, MA 7:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Iona New Rochelle, NY 7:30 PM

Sunday, Jan 26

Men's Bowling	at Westchester Invit White Plains, NY TBA
Women's Ice Hockey	at RIT Rochester, NY



Pioneers Poised for Needed Turnaround

Despite a rough streak, the Pioneer Men's Ice Hockey Team is ready to turn things around.

By Henry Gargiulo
Sportswriter

Coming into their weekend games with Fairfield University, the Sacred Heart Pioneers men's ice hockey team had only one win in their last six games compiling a 1-4-1 record over that time. But with a 3-1 victory at home and a 2-2 draw on the road with their cross-town rivals, the Pioneers are starting to turn things around.

The first period started out a bit slow Friday night as neither team could solve the others goalie, and neither team took a penalty.

The second period, however, started with a bang. From the opening face-off Fairfield's Rae Metz worked the puck forward to a streaking Dan Cotter. Cotter was able to fend off the Pioneers back-checking defenders and lift the puck up over the shoulder



Contributed Photos
Senior goalie Ferhi makes a save during action last year.

of Pioneer goalie Eddy Ferhi (Sr. Charenton, Fr) and just 13 seconds into the second, the Pioneers trailed.

The Stags lead was short lived because just 1:10 later the Pioneers answered back. Senior Martin Paquet (Ste. Catherine, Que) dropped the puck to Marc-Andre Fournier (Jr. Ste. Nicholas, Que) just inside the blueline, who quickly sent the give-and-go pass back to Paquet who easily beat Fairfield goalie Andrew Martin.

The contest would remain deadlocked into the third period.

Early in the third the Stags

had a great opportunity to pull ahead, only to be denied by the post.

The draw was to Ferhi's left side, the Stags won cleanly to James Lubinski, who sent a shot that beat Ferhi, but nailed the post and came back out. Although the goal judge temporarily turned the light on, indicating a goal, the referee quickly waived it off and play continued.

The Pioneers took advantage of their lucky break and made no mistakes in capitalizing on it.

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Garrett Larson works his way up the ice for the Pioneers last season.

INSIDE SPORTS

Women's Basketball

As they hit mid season, the Pioneers look to keep winning as their attitude. (Pg. 10)

Men's Basketball

Despite an early season slump, SHU tallies four wins over Christmas break. (Pg. 11)

Pioneer Schedule

Sacred Heart athletics remain busy as winter seasons progress.

Athlete of the week

Brian Pawlowski brings dedication and hard-work to both Football and Track. (Pg. 10)

Indoor Track Explodes into Mid-Season

The Men's and Women's indoor track teams began their season's with dual wins in the Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State University.

Christopher Giarrusso
Sports Writer

The men's and women's Indoor Track and Field opened their season with wins at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State University on Dec. 8 2002. This was the sixth time for the men and the seventh time for the women that they have won the carnival.

For the men, freshman Evan Lasher (Pleasant Valley, NY) destroyed the old shot put school record by over six feet, throwing 48'8 3/4" to break the mark of 42'8 1/4" set by Mike Stanley in 2000. Lasher automatically



Photo by Christopher Giarrusso
Evan Lasher (Top) Bobby Howard (Middle) and Sarah Tasber (Bottom) have all helped to lead SHU this winter season.

qualified for the New England Championships, becoming the first-ever qualifier in the men's shot put in school history.

Sophomore Todd Brownell (Hudson Falls, NY) ran 1:58.2 on the 800-meter anchor leg of the men's sprint medley relay to tie a school baton carry record. Brownell shares the record with John Morash who set the record at the New England Championships last season.

The 4x1600 meter relay team of freshman Tyler Arnett (Clinton Corner, NY), junior Michael Berluti (Northfield, CT), freshman Robert Gill (Braintree, MA), and junior Andrew Renna (Danbury, CT) set a new record with a time of 19:11.91, breaking the old record of 19:37.21 set in 1998.

On the Women's side, freshman Megan Sullivan (Windham, NH) set a new 55-meter dash record with a time of 7.62 breaking the old record of 7.68 set by Heidi Cheever in 1999. Sullivan's performance automatically qualifies her for the New England Championships later in the season. The women's shuttle hurdle relay made up of Senior Erica

Sullivan (Haverhill, MA), junior Mary Burbach (Mountainside, NJ) and freshman Kaitlin Ratz (Manasquan, NJ) ran a time of 28.08 seconds, to break the old record of 28.12 set in 1999.

In the weight throw, junior Kristin Eckert (Farmingville, NY) and sophomore Halie Kennie (Standish, ME) combined to throw 84'3 1/2", breaking the old record of 83' 1 1/2" set in 1999. In the shot put relay, they combined for 77'2 1/2", to break the old record of 75'11" set in 1997.

The men and women returned from the Christmas break on Jan. 11 2003 to compete at the Yale University Intercollegiate Classic. The men were led by sophomore Gregg Curley (East Wareham, MA) and freshman Evan Lasher (Pleasant Valley, NY). Curley set five new school records and finished with 3327 total points, breaking his own record set last year, and also qualifying for the New England Championships. He also set records in the open 55 meter hurdles 8.38, pentathlon 55 meter hurdles 8.38, pentathlon high jump 6'0" and pentathlon 1000

meters 2:51.13. Curley placed fifth overall for the day. Lasher finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 48'11", breaking his own record set at the CTC Indoor Relay Carnival.

The women were led by freshman Kaitlin Ratz (Manasquan, NJ) and junior Sara Tasber (Henrietta, NY). Ratz set a new school record in the women's pentathlon shot put, recording a throw of 31'10 1/2" to break Meghan Warnock's record of 26' 4 1/2" in 1999. Tasber was named Northeast Conference Women's Indoor Track Athlete-of-the-Week for the week of January 6-13 due to her performance at the meet. Tasber took home the award after winning the 800 meter in a time of 2:21.75 Tasber also posted the fastest split with a time of 59.4 in 4x400 relay which helped lead the team to a sixth-place finish in a time of 4:10.61. This is her third NEC athlete-of-the-week honor. She also earned it once during her freshman outdoor season and once during last year's indoor season.

Tasber currently holds the

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